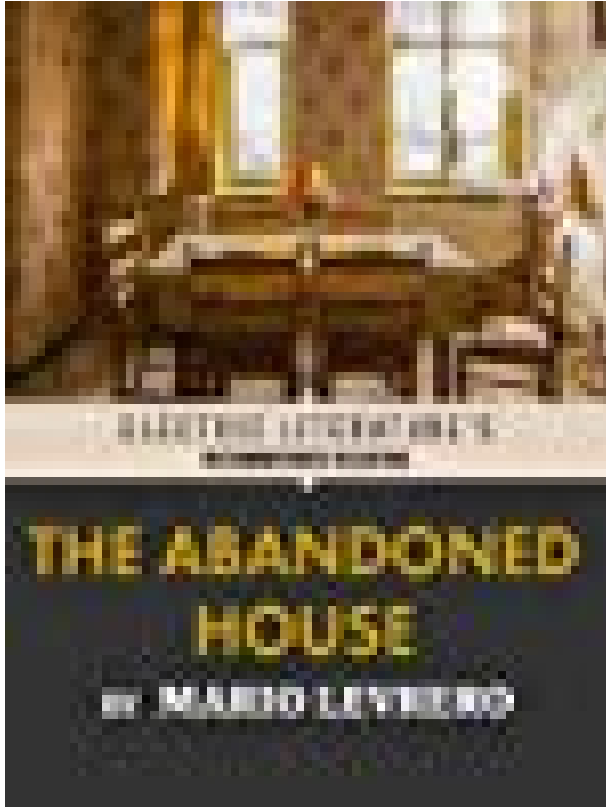


The Abandoned House (Electric Literature's Recommended Reading)



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Mario Levrero's "The Abandoned House" tours a magical, decaying structure as well as the fascinating corners of this Uruguayan author's mind.

The story introduces a group of "fans" who explore a desolated house and garden, home to bizarre events. The group finds tiny women swimming in the sink, a killer unicorn, in-house hurricanes and of course a monster in the attic. They arrange Sunday picnics, go on treasure hunts (every abandoned house has a hidden treasure) and dance to the beat of spiders catching their dinner. Mario Levrero's narration is hilarious, bold, detached and breathtaking, exploring something distinctly human in this fantastical story.

Levero, born in Uruguay in 1940, authored almost 30 novels and short story collections, but did not gain recognition until late in his career. He was named the "Best Untranslated Writer" by Granta, and, before this translation by Frances Riddle, had no been published in English.